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**National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT)
Superfund Subcommittee**

PRESS STATEMENT – FEBRUARY MEETING MATERIALS

The Superfund Subcommittee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology issues this statement to provide context for the January 26, 2004 draft of its report, and other materials associated with the Subcommittee's final meeting February 11-12, 2004. The January 26, 2004 draft is the fifth in a series of draft reports developed to describe the Subcommittee discussions to date and advance the Subcommittee's deliberations.

The Superfund Subcommittee was convened in June 2002. Members of the Subcommittee are senior-level individuals from business and industry, community and environmental advocacy groups, federal, state, local and tribal governments and environmental justice, other non-governmental organizations and academia, appointed by EPA. The Subcommittee has met eight times and intends to complete its activities by the end of March 2004.

As yet, the Subcommittee has not finalized its report to EPA nor has it reached any conclusions about the recommendations, comments, suggestions and views that it wishes to convey to EPA in the final report. Deliberations by the Subcommittee will continue at the final full Subcommittee meeting scheduled for February 11-12, 2004, at the Hilton, Crystal City Hotel in Arlington, Va. At the February meeting, the Subcommittee will consider, discuss, and as appropriate, modify the January 26, 2004 draft report. All individuals should understand that the January 26, 2004 draft is a work in progress. This draft does not represent the consensus of the Subcommittee and should not be cited or quoted except as an interim document that will be thoroughly and carefully reviewed by the Subcommittee before it is subsequently modified and becomes the final report submitted to the EPA.

In accordance with the requirements of FACA, full Subcommittee meetings are open to the public and opportunities for public comment are provided. The Designated Federal Official for the Subcommittee is Angelo Carasea. He may be reached at (703) 603-8828. More information on the Superfund Subcommittee, including past meeting agendas and summaries and detailed information about the December, 2003 meeting, is available in the Superfund Docket. Contact the Docket at www.epa.gov/edocket or by phone at 202-566-0276 and refer to docket #SFUND-2002-0005. Other inquiries may be directed to Molly Mayo at the Meridian Institute at (970) 513-8340 extension 310.